Report of Jaswant Singh Commission

83. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are re-examining the issue of opening new High Court Benches in States like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in view of the recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission;

(b) whether Government have received representations from various quarters requesting for the early implementation of Jaswant Singh Commission's recommendations in this regard and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether representations have been received also for the re-consideration of the aforesaid recommendations especially in regard to the location of the new benches and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when the Government propose to establish a bench in the Chhattisgarh region of Madhya Pradesh as recommended by the aforementioned commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (d) The specific recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission for setting up of Benches of the High Courts of Allahabad and Madhya Pradesh were referred to the Govts. of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh respectively for their comments and views. The Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in their reply have not given their definite views in the matter. The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh have not yet sent any reply.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Further action on the Commission's report would be taken only after receipt of definite views and proposals of the concerned State Govts. in the light of Commission's recommendations and representations from several Bar Associations and Public bodies. Further clarifications are to be made from Uttar Pradesh Government also.

Reforms in judicial system

84. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any reforms in the judicial system whereby the disputes of a minor and simple nature will get settled at the village or block level;

(b) if so, the details therefor and by when these reforms will be introduced in the country; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Law Commission's 114th Report on this subject viz. Gram Nyayalaya has already been placed in both the Houses of Parliament. The Report has been forwarded for the views/comments of the State Governments and Union Territories with the request to furnish their views within two months and a final decision would be taken on receipt of their replies.

Foreign collaborations of BHEL

85. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the research and development effort in Bharat Heavy Electricals has been so ineffective and deplorable that BHEL has been going in for repeated collaborations for the same product for the last fifteen to twenty years;

(b) if so, what remedial action and fresh initiatives are likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) by when BHEL will be in a position to stop foreign collaborations at least for the products which it has been manufacturing for quite some time?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) R & D effort in BHEL has resulted in successful commercial development of a number of products/systems. BHEL is not going in for repeated collaborations for the same product acquisition of latest technology in certain cases is required to match the technology levels of its competitors within and outside the country as also to meet the market preferences.

(b) and (c) BHEL has set up an Engineering Committee and Technology Policy Committee which regularly review the R&D and engineering capabilities of the organisation and lay down policy guidelines for continuous improvement.

Letters of intent sought from Madhya Pradesh

86. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many "Letters of Intent" were sought during the last three years, year-wise, from the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) how many of them were in the public, private and joint sectors; and

(c) how many of these have been granted so far, sectorwise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Criteria for declaring 'No Industry Districts'

87. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for declaring a district as a 'No Industry District';

(b) what are the names of the 'No Industry Districts' in the country at present;

(c) whether Government propose to have a policy of having 'No Industry Talukas'; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Districts having no large or medium scale industries, as per District Industries Centre's Action Plans 1979-80, have been declared as 'No Industry Districts'. Names of 'No Industry Districts' are given in the Booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas" (corrected upto 20th October, 1986) copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Government have undertaken a detailed review of the Central Incentive Schemes for industrialisation of backward areas.

Pending cases in Courts

88. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are pending in the Supreme Court and different